**Rangnath Misra Commission report**

1940. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would make the Rangnath Misra Commission report public; and

(b) whether Government is ready to Table the report in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The Government is still examining the various aspects of the report, including from constitutional and legal angles. Decisions on making the report public and on the action to be taken on it have not yet been taken.

**Schemes for upliftment of minority people**

†1941. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being run by Government for upliftment of minority people particularly for the Muslims;

(b) the details of the funds released for these schemes during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the consequential changes in the position of the Muslims brought about through these schemes and whether the desired objectives has been achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. An important aim of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities, including Muslims. In order to ensure that the benefits of these schemes flow equitably to the minorities, the new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities.

Schemes included in the new 15 Point Programme, considered amenable to earmarking for minorities, are as under:-

(i) Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme by providing services through Anganwadi Centres {Ministry of Women and Child Development}.

(ii) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan {Ministry of Human Resources Development}.

(iii) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme {Ministry of Human Resources Development}.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.